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1. [REDACTED] the Albanian Communists are becoming more receptive to Titoism as a result of the negligible amount of Soviet material assistance as well as the deteriorating economic situation in Albania, while opposition to the Soviets is allegedly increasing. The paramount issue is the inequality in trade relations: Albania is forced to export to the Soviets all major items, including naphtha and hides, receiving in return only outmoded German and Italian war materiel.

2. Albanians inhabiting the area on both sides of the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier are said to be recruited easily by the Yugoslav Intelligence Service, and successful Yugoslav penetrations into Albania have allegedly been in progress for several months.

3. [REDACTED] to quell any unrest among the Yugoslav population regarding a possible attack from Albania, the Yugoslav Government has been circulating rumors that the Albanian Army was unreliable (sic) from the point of view of the Soviet cause, and that the pro-Tito element was strong and that danger from this quarter was therefore negligible.

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